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19-Year-Old Vote Gets Assembly OK

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Seminar Systems Seem 'Successful'

By Maurice J. Moran Jr.
Staff Writer

Over 75 seminars and academic and political workshops have been in operation since Monday morning and termed "extremely successful" by its organizers.

"It's a hell of a lot more than we expected," commented Linda McKinley, coordinator of the Free School Seminars Information. An estimate of "about 30 to 80 students" have been appearing at the seminars each day, with the most successful being the political and social.

Dr. Joseph Moore's "Can War Be Prevented?" and the "Integral Yoga Institute" have had standing room only participation. "Christ as a Revolutionary," conducted by Father Thomas Davis, was reported to have over 100 students in attendance on Wednesday.

One seminar, conducted at 9 a.m. by Mrs. Mary Bredemeier, is attempting to "institutionalize" these changes. "The main philosophy" said Mrs. Bredemeier, "is that the college ought to be a kind of cafeteria from which students can choose subjects, methods and professors."

Classes were made optional as of May 5, and many stopped meeting altogether. Those that have not stopped meeting report generally low attendance, altho that may be partly a result of an early vacation on the part of the students. Dormitories report several students checking out permanently and one student commented on the ease of finding a parking space even at midday.

"I'm very concerned about the students not here," said Michael Ashton, psychology graduate assistant. They are missing out on a very educational opportunity, he said. It also bothered Paul Kenny, a sophomore English major. "I respect those who disagree with the strike, but I have no use for those who just got an early summer vacation." Miss Mary Anne Leoni, a participant in a poetry seminar, chose to comment on the smaller population of the campus. "It seems that the same people keep popping up."

Mrs. Bredemeier reiterated that students should "not expect terribly radical changes next September," but that to ignore the development of the free choice system would be "a tragic mistake."

WHAT'S HAPPENING

A roundup of nationwide strike news edited by the MONTCLARION and compiled by UPI.

KENT STATE PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY
KENT, OHIO - Ronald J. Kane, Portage County prosecutor, said Thursday he would hold a news conference Friday to display material which law enforcement officers found in dormitories at Kent State University. Kane refused to confirm reports that guns, drugs and material for making firebombs had been confiscated. He promised full details Friday, inviting newsmen to "bring cameras."

POLICE BRUTALITY KILLS 8 MICE
WASHINGTON- A biologist at American University says police brutality resulted in the deaths of eight laboratory mice.

Dr. Robert Strautz said the mice died from inhaling tear gas fired Monday at student antiwar protesters gathered outside his laboratory window. When he ran outside to protest the mouse killings, an officer hit him on the head with a nightstick and threw him into a police van, Strautz said.

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Assembly OKs Vote 19 After Gov Pressures

By Robert Gatty
United Press International

TRENTON--New Jersey's youth will have another crack at being given the vote next November.

The Assembly approved late yesterday, after a day-long struggle, a measure placing a question on the November 3 general election ballot asking the voters to decide if the voting age should be dropped from 21 to 19.

New Jersey's electorate, by a two-to-one margin, last November defeated an 18-year-old vote referendum.

Yesterday's action came after intense pressure from Gov. William T. Cahill and the Republican Assembly majority, who would help establish better liaison with youth and head off any potential campus violence.

The Assembly vote totaled 55-7.

Cahill meets here later this afternoon with a group of college students to discuss the problems relating to college strikes and violence.

During his campaign for election, Cahill had urged approval of a reduction of the voting age to enfranchise New Jersey's youth.

"Those kids are great," said Assistant Majority Leader Thomas Kean (R-Essex), after the long battle, which lasted thruout the day.

Aides of the governor descended on the Assembly chamber in an attempt to spring the proposed constitutional amendment from the GOP caucus, which had not even planned to consider it. The measure was approved by the Senate on Monday.

The timing was crucial, since constitutional amendments must be advertised three months before the general election on November 3, and the Assembly did not plan to return until September. But the assemblymen failed to finish their work in the time planned, and were to return for another session on June 8.

Weekend Report **STRIKE SLOWS MSC ACTIVITY**

By Don Pendley
Staff Writer

Stoppage of nearly all campus activity--that's the result of the 1½-week MSC student strike.

Casualties of the strike were few, but important. Carnival, scheduled to be held last weekend (May 8 and 9), was cancelled due to "threats of violence," according to Stan Grawjewski, CLUB concert chairman.

MSC's Jazz Weekend was postponed until the fall, with a definite date to be announced. The reason for cancelling was indirectly related to the strike, said a reliable source, in that ticket sales would be sharply decreased by the lack of students on campus due to the strike.

Regular class attendance was the third strike casualty, being replaced by a voluntary seminar-class system, wherein students could go to seminars and/or classes or do nothing for the remainder of the semester.

SGA approval for the strike came late Monday afternoon (May 9) as the SGA Legislature, in a 9-9 vote broken by Vice-President Greg Doucette, okayed a bill reading:

"Be it resolved that Tuesday, May 5, 1970 be observed as the beginning of a student strike and that each student observe this day in his own fashion according to his or her own moral convictions."

Tuesday saw a major student rally held in the pedestrian mall outside Life Hall. By 2 p.m., the scheduled beginning of the rally, nearly 700 students were assembled to hear various student and guest speakers.

MSC's faculty voted at 4 p.m. Tuesday to close down the college on Wednesday. Discussion on the question of closing was held by both students and faculty at the open meeting.

Thursday's faculty and student meetings resulted in decisions providing for the institution of seminars, to be held in addition to regular classes, for the remainder of the semester.

Seminars began on Monday (May 11), with regular classes being held to allow mutually-convenient times for professors to meet with students to determine grades.

SECOND WEEK OF PROTESTS BRINGS OUT NATIONAL GUARD

By United Press International.

Curfews and National Guard troops were used to maintain order at some college campuses yesterday as students continued their second week of protesting the Indochina War and the deaths of four Kent State University students.

About 40 students were arrested at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill., for invading a campus ROTC building and smashing windows. Four Molotov cocktails were thrown into the administrative offices of Northern Michigan University in Marquette.

Southern Illinois University was ordered closed early Wednesday after more than 5,000 students marched on the home of its president, Delyte W. Morris. Later a crowd of 3,000 to 5,000 students carrying signs saying "Like hell we've closed" gathered to demand the school's reopening. The counter-demonstrators gave Morris a standing ovation when he announced students would vote on the matter and the board would consider it. He asked Gov. Richard B. Ogilvie for the National Guard troops who had only been removed from the school two days before.

Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, said it would reopen Monday. Ohio State University trustees met yesterday to discuss reopening the school, closed May 6. Pennsylvania State University students voted to replace formal classroom activities with discussions and colloquies for the remaining three weeks of the spring term.

Northern Michigan University President John X. Jamrich announced the school will confiscate student guns. A school spokesman said many students have guns because the campus is in the middle of hunting country.

Strike Now, a liberal group, and Concerned Students for a Moderate Brookdale, a conservative group, held a rally Wednesday at Brookdale Community College to announce their merger to prevent violence. The college has not experienced any violence and has not been effected by the student anti-war strikes which have swept the country.

Seven Ohio University students, five of them coeds, were suspended indefinitely Wednesday by President Claude R. Sowle who said

they represented "a clear and immediate danger" to the school's function. Three fire bombs have been set off at the university in the past week, causing about \$ 25,000 damage.

South Carolina Gov. Robert E. McNair appeared on state-wide television Wednesday to promise the state university would remain open despite actions of "those with a strong determination to see the university closed." Only a few curfew violation arrests were reported during the night in sharp contrast to violent clashes Tuesday. Guardsmen used tear gas to break up demonstrations Wednesday. Police arrested at least 104 persons in two nights of confrontations.

National Guardsmen took over and bulldozers destroyed a canvas and cardboard shantytown occupied for five days by antiwar protesters on the University of Denver campus.

State police and sheriff's deputies routed students who took over a classroom building at Virginia Polytechnic Institute at Blacksburg, Va., arresting many on trespassing charges. The arrested students were promptly suspended from the university.

Students at Indiana University in Bloomington pelted police with rocks during an attempt to force the school to close Wednesday.

Gov. Ronald Reagan of California told a news conference "I don't see any reason in the world why someone who wants to spend his full time in political activities should be given a college grade for it..."

The Rutgers University Board of Governors voted by acclamation to retain the ROTC program on campus. Military buildings on the New Brunswick campus have been the target of frequent firebombings.

Tiny Shelton College enlisted its 35 faculty members and 150 students in prayers and letter-writing in a gesture of support for American involvement in Cambodia.

Rutgers University, in a move similar to Princeton University's last week, announced yesterday it would allow students time off to participate in next fall's political campaigns. A school spokesman said the scheduled 15 weeks of classes for the fall semester would not be reduced, but that each school of the university would add its own make-up days.



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LATE NEWS

TRENTON - Gov. William T. Cahill, who says he wants to establish liaisons with young people, was to meet here today with student body presidents, campus newspaper editors and students representing "different currents of campus opinion" from 58 private and public colleges.

TRENTON - Gov. William T. Cahill's controversial proposal to create a single medical school administration in New Jersey cleared the Assembly yesterday, despite warnings that the Rutgers Medical School might be abolished.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Compiled by the U.S. Weather Bureau.

FRIDAY: Cloudy and cool. Temperatures mid to upper 50s. Precipitation probability 20%. Winds NE-E 10-15 mph.

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